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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 9/15/2007
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 23, 40, 63, 87, 88, 89
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles Li September 15, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been replaced by --

-- Claim, 1. A method of operating a financial service by a financial institution for a user to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the method comprising:

providing a debit card to the user, wherein the debit card is associated with a financial account such that the user may use the debit card to make purchases, and an amount corresponding, at least in part, to the cost of the purchase made using the debit card is debited from the financial account;

establishing a user reward account that is associated with the user;

defining periods of time;

providing a report to the user at the end of each defined period identifying, at least in part, the purchases made with the debit card during the defined period;

designating debit card activities that are consistent with said a theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one merchant or service provider;

calculating a reward amount using a data processor for the user based, at least in part, on the designated debit card activities during a current period, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P_1) of the cost (C_1) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P_2) of the cost (C_2) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme.

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such that

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crediting the reward amount generated during the current period the user reward account;
 activating the user reward amount at the end of the current period;
 debiting the amount of the cost of a purchase in a subsequent period from the financial account; and

crediting the activated user reward amount to the financial account .

Claim 7 has been replaced by --

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a logo of the financial institution on the debit card.

Claim 8 has been replaced by --

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a logo of at least one of the one or more providers on the debit card.

Claim 9 has been replaced by --

9. wherein the one or more providers comprises a plurality of retailers.

Claim 10 has been replaced by --

10. wherein the one or more providers comprise a plurality of distinct retailers related to an entity.

Claim 17 has been replaced by --

17. The method of claim 1 further comprising calculating the reward amount, at least in part, as the sum of a first percentage of the cost of all purchases made by the user using the debit card up to a first level of purchases and as a second percentage of the cost of purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card up to a second level of purchases.

Claim 18 has been replaced by --

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising calculating the reward amount, at least in part, based on purchases of the designated items made at the one or more providers using the debit card.

Claim 19 has been replaced by --

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19. The method of claim 1 further comprising calculating the reward amount, at least in part, as the sum of a first percentage of the cost of certain designated items purchased from the one or more providers and as a second percentage of the cost of other purchases purchased from the one or more providers.

Claim 23 has been replaced by --

23. A system of reward management and tracking for a debit card reward program for a retailer in a current period, including a user having a financial account with a financial institution and a debit card issued to the user and associated with the financial account such that the financial account is debited for purchases made by the user with the debit card, the reward program being implemented to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the system comprising:

a computer memory means for storing data; and

a computer processor operably engaged to the computer memory means, the computer processor including:

means for storing the identity of the user;

means for designating debit card activities that are consistent with said a-theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one merchant or service provider;

means for storing a reward earned by the user prior to the current period;

means for calculating the reward earned by the user based on the designated debit card activities during the current period, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P_1) of the cost (C_1) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P_2) of the cost (C_2) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme.

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0; \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0; \end{cases}$$

means for activating the reward earned during the current period at the end of the current period;

means for crediting the financial account an amount corresponding to a purchase made during the current period at one or more of the plurality of providers, up to an amount equal to the reward earned by the user prior to the current period; and

means for reducing the amount of the reward earned by the user prior to the current period by an amount corresponding to the amount that the financial account was credited.

Claim 25 has been replaced by --

25. The system of claim 23, at least in part, wherein the debit card is issued by a first financial institution and wherein the financial account is administered by a second financial institution.

Claim 26 has been replaced by --

26. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for storing user reward amounts for periods prior to the current period and a means for generating a billing report at the end of the current period including a statement of the reward amount generated in periods prior to the current period and not yet redeemed, the reward amount earned during the current period, the reward amount redeemed during the current period, and the total reward amount earned but not yet redeemed.

Claim 29 has been replaced by --

29. The system of claim 23 wherein the logo of the one or more ~~of the~~ providers is displayed on the debit card.

Claim 31 has been replaced by --

31. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, as a percentage of the cost of purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card.

Claim 32 has been replaced by --

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32. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, as the sum of a first percentage of the cost of purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card up to a first level of purchases and as a second percentage of the cost of purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card up to a second level of purchases.

Claim 34 has been replaced by --

34. The system of claim 23 further comprising a means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, as the sum of a first percentage of the cost of all purchases made by the user using the debit card up to a first level of purchases and as a second percentage of the cost of purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card up to a second level of purchases.

Claim 35 has been replaced by --

35. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, based on purchases of only designated items made at the one or more providers using the debit card.

Claim 36 has been replaced by --

36. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, as the sum of a first percentage of the cost of certain designated items purchased from the one or more providers and as a second percentage of the cost of other purchases at one or more of the plurality of providers.

Claim 37 has been replaced by --

37. The system of claim 23 further comprising means for calculating the reward earned by the user, at least in part, as a fixed amount for the purchase of designated items made at the one or more using the debit card.

Claim 38 has been replaced by --

38. The system of claim 23 wherein the reward earned by the user includes an activated component and a dormant component, and the financial account is credited for amounts up to the amount of purchases made by the user at the one or more providers using the debit card from the activated component of the reward earned by the user up to the full amount of the active component.

Claim 40 has been replaced by --

40. A method of operating a debit card reward program for a user by a financial institution in cooperation with a sponsor, the reward program being implemented to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the method comprising:

providing a debit card to the user, wherein the debit card is associated with a financial account such that the user may use the debit card to make purchases, and an amount corresponding, at least in part, to the cost of the purchase made using the debit card is debited to from the financial account;

establishing a user reward account that is associated with the user;

defining periods of time;

providing a billing report to the user at the end of each defined period identifying, at least in part, the amount of the purchases made with the debit card during the defined period;

designating debit card activities that are consistent with said a-theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one merchant or service provider;

calculating a reward amount using a data processor for the user based, at least in part, on the designated debit card activities during a period, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P₁) of the cost (C₁) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P₂) of the cost (C₂) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme,

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0 \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0 \end{cases};$$

crediting the reward amount generated during the period to a-the user reward account;
activating the user reward amount at the end of the period;

electing whether to provide the user reward amount to the sponsor or to the financial account;

delivering the activated user reward amount to the sponsor when provision of the reward amount to the sponsor has been elected; and

debiting the amount of the cost of a purchase in a subsequent period from the financial account and crediting the activated user reward amount to the financial account when provision of the reward amount to the financial account has been elected.

Claim 54 has been replaced by --

54. The method of claim 53 wherein the amount credited to the reward amount is received, at least in part, from the one or more providers.

Claim 58 has been replaced by --

58. The method of claim 40 further comprising providing an electronic link between web sites of the one or more providers and the financial institution.

Claim 59 has been replaced by --

59. The method of claim 40 further comprising providing an electronic link between web sites of at least one of the one or more providers and the sponsor.

Claim 60 has been replaced by --

60. The method of claim 40 further comprising providing an electronic link between web sites of the financial institution, the one or more of the plurality of providers and the sponsor.

Claim 61 has been replaced by --

61. The method of claim 40 further comprising providing a discount price to selected purchases made at the one or more providers by the user using the debit card.

Claim 63 has been replaced by --

63. A method of operating a debit card reward program by a financial institution for a user to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the method comprising:

providing a debit card to the user, wherein the debit card is associated with a financial account such that the user may use the debit card to make purchases at a point of sale to purchase goods, and an amount corresponding, at least in part, to the cost of the purchase made using the debit card is debited from the financial account;

defining selected parameters of information regarding each purchase made by the user, wherein the selected parameters are related to designated debit card activities that are consistent with said theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one -good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one -merchant or service provider;

predetermining levels of the selected parameters;

capturing information regarding each purchase made by the user including, at least in part, information concerning the selected parameters;

comparing the captured information to predetermined levels;

calculating a reward using a data processor based, at least in part, on the comparison of the captured information to the predetermined levels and the designated debit card activities, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P_1) of the cost (C_1) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P_2) of the cost (C_2) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme,

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0 \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0 \end{cases}; \text{ and}$$

delivering the reward.

Claim 87 has been replaced by --

87. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a debit card reward program by a financial institution for a user in conjunction with a theme, the method comprising:

providing a debit card to the user, wherein the debit card is associated with a financial account such that the user may use the debit card to make purchases at a point of sale to purchase goods, and an amount corresponding, at least in part, to the cost of the purchase made using the debit card is debited from the financial account;

defining a reward-generating activity in terms of selected characteristics of each purchase made by the user from the retailer using the debit card, wherein the act of defining a reward-generating activity comprises designating debit card activities that are consistent with said a theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one merchant or service provider;

capturing transaction data regarding each purchase of one or more of the plurality of items made by the user using the debit card including, at least in part, information concerning the selected characteristics, wherein the transaction data includes transaction financial information and transaction purchase information;

wherein the transaction financial information relates, at least in part, to financial characteristics of each purchase of the one or more items made by the user using the debit card;

wherein the transaction purchase information relates, at least in part, to particular goods sold at each purchase of the one or more items made by the user using the debit card;

storing by the financial institution of transaction financial information related to each purchase of the one or more items made by the user using the debit card;

storing by the retailer of transaction purchase information related to purchase of the one or more items made by the user using the debit card;

comparing the transaction financial information and the transaction purchase information to the selected characteristics;

calculating a reward using a data processor based, at least in part, on the comparison and the designated debit card activities, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P_1) of the cost (C_1) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P_2) of the cost (C_2) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme,

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0 \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0 \end{cases}; \text{ and}$$

delivering the reward.

Claim 88 has been replaced by --

88. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a financial service by a financial institution for a user to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the method comprising:

providing a debit card to the user, wherein the debit card is associated with a financial account such that the user may use the debit card to make purchases, and an amount corresponding, at least in part, to the cost of the purchase made using the debit card is debited to from the financial account;

establishing a user reward account that is associated with the user;

defining periods of time;

designating debit card activities that are consistent with said a-theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service, and each provider comprises at least one merchant or service provider;

calculating a reward amount using a data processor for the user based, at least in part, on the designated debit card activities during a current period, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P₁) of the cost (C₁) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P₂) of the cost (C₂) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme,

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0 \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0 \end{cases};$$

crediting the reward amount generated during the current period to a-the user reward account;

activating the user reward amount at the end of the current period;
debiting the amount of the cost of a purchase in a subsequent period from the financial account and subsequently crediting the activated user reward amount to the financial account;
and

providing a report to the user at the end of each defined period identifying, at least part, the reward amount.

Claim 89 has been replaced by --

89. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a financial service by a financial institution for a user to encourage debit card transactions consistent with a designated theme, the method comprising:

defining a thematic rewards program with designated debit card activities that are consistent with said theme, the designated debit card activities comprising purchases of a plurality of items offered by one or more providers, wherein each item comprises at least one good or service consistent with the theme, and each provider comprises at least one merchant a or service provider, wherein the thematic rewards program enables a user to earn rewards in a transaction card account by using a transaction card to purchase one or more of the plurality of items from the one or more providers;

calculating a reward amount using a data processor for a user based the designated debit card activities, wherein the reward amount (R) is effectively calculated as the sum of:

(1) a first percentage (P₁) of the cost (C₁) of all purchases made by the user using the debit card, and

(2) a second percentage (P₂) of the cost (C₂) of purchases made at the one or more providers related to said theme,

such that

$$R = \begin{cases} P_1 \times C_1 & \text{if } C_2 = 0 \\ P_1 \times C_1 + P_2 \times C_2 & \text{if } C_2 > 0 \end{cases}; \text{ and}$$

delivering the reward amount.

Claim 93 has been replaced by --

93. The method of claim 92, wherein the designation of one or more products is received from the one or more providers.

Claim 102 has been replaced by --

102. The method of claim 89, further comprising:
providing an electronic link between one or more websites of the one or more providers with a website of the financial institution.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 23, 40, 63, 87, 88, 89 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter.
The prior art fails to teach, or suggest, the limitations of:

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 (as in independent Claims 1, 23, 40, 63, 87,

88, 89);

Perkowski(US Pub: 2002/0194081) discloses and view two different kinds of directories, namely: a General Kiosk Promotion Directory which can be used to identify CPI kiosks on which the promoter is authorized to display promotions on consumer products; and a Brand Kiosk Promotion Directory which can be used to identify CPI Kiosks on which the promoter is authorized to display promotions on a particular brand of consumer products.

Neither this Patent, alone nor in combination with others, disclose nor teach the feature of “

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MuMullin (US Patent : 6, 222, 914) discloses a system and method for administration of an incentive award program wherein award points are earned in response to certain actions by the Participants and then credited to the Participant's credit card, but only after a predetermined time delay. Furthermore, the Participant must still be a customer in good standing with the credit card Sponsor at the end of this predetermined delay period in order to receive the awarded points. As used herein, the term "credit card" is intended to encompass traditional credit cards,

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debit cards, smart cards, etc. which are commonly accepted as payment for purchases in place of cash or bank checks. The system of the present invention therefore creates an incentive for the Participant to purchase the Sponsor's goods and/or services in order to earn award points, and further creates an incentive for the Participant to remain a loyal customer of the Sponsor in order to receive and redeem these award points at some point in the future. Each award point therefore serves a double function as a reward for using the Sponsor's products and/or services and also as an incentive for customer loyalty to the Sponsor..

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 23, 1999--@Work Technologies, Inc., a leading provider of Electronic Bill to Internet Bill Presentment Software form@ Work Technology; Leading Australian Service Provider to LeverageWorkOut for e-BILLS Service; Business /High -Tec Editors. Business Wire. New York: Apr 23, 1999. pg. 1INNEW YORK BUSINESS WIRE) - - April 23, 1999 discloses Bill Presentment and Payment (EBPP) software, today announced that e-BILL Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of HPA (Hermes Precisa Pty Ltd), Australia's largest producer of bills and statements, has licensed the WorkOut(tm) Internet Billing and Statement Distribution System.

e-BILL will use WorkOut to provide its EBPP service to some of the largest telecommunications companies, utilities and financial service organizations in the Southern Hemisphere. HPA currently produces hundreds of millions of paper bills per year and about 5% of the total mail volume handled by the Australia Postal Service.

By using WorkOut, billers and service providers can implement Internet billing in a fraction of the time and cost that it would take by using other methods. The WorkOut architecture provides comprehensive Internet billing functionality, ranging from data extraction, print stream parsing, bill document management, customer service, enrollment, payment processing and visual tools for rapid Web site creation and administration.

"We selected WorkOut principally because of the product's highly scalable distributed architecture and broad range of functionality." Said Rob Charlton, General Manager of e-BILL. Charlton added "WorkOut will provide a solid technical foundation for our EBPP service."

"HPA enjoys a unique market position because they already create a high percentage of the total bills produced in Australia." Said Jim Flynn, Chief Executive Officer of @Work Technologies. Flynn went on to explain "WorkOut will enable e-BILL, working with HPA and Australia's other major billing service providers, to quickly Internet-enable these bills, which will generate the critical mass required to make mass adoption of Internet billing a reality in Australia."

"@Work is among the first few vendors that has a strong emphasis on scalability" said Jeetu Patel, Vice President of Research at Doculabs, a leading research organization covering the Internet billing industry. Patel also commented "e-BILL was wise to carefully consider their volume requirements when selecting an EBPP solution, since that is a major potential pitfall for large scale EBPP applications."

ABOUT @WORK TECHNOLOGIES

@Work Technologies was founded in 1995 for the purpose of providing advanced document distribution and electronic commerce applications by using Java and other Internet-based technologies. The company is headquartered in New York City. @Work's staff members have developed some of the World's leading document management and electronic money transfer software packages. The company's WorkOut server features a highly scalable distributed architecture, which is based on the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA). WorkOut is supported on Microsoft(R) Windows NT(R), Sun Solaris and all major UNIX variants.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement Graham whose telephone number is (571) 272-6795. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached on (571) 272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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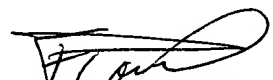
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